Representation for a Train from Chandigarh to Bombay

1943. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have from time to time received representations regarding the hardships faced by the people of Chandigarh wishing to travel to Bombay and beyond or to the South;

(b) if so, what are their main demands and what is the response of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to extend Deluxe 25/26 train to Chandigarh on the days it terminates at Delhi and does not proceed to Amritsar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been demands for increasing the number of through coaches to Bombay and introduction of direct train services to Bombay and Madras. Due to lack or room by connecting trains and the capacity constraints the proposal is not feasible.

(c) Due to inadequate terminal facilities at Chandigarh and shortage of coaches and locomotives, the proposed extension is not feasible.

Unsatisfactory working of N.Z.C.C. Patiala

1944. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performances and achievements of the North Zone Cultural Centre at Patiala have not been upto expectations;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to gear up its working and to ensure that it serves its objective;

(c) whether some of the participating States have expressed their dissatisfaction with its functioning; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Artists of N.Z.C.C. Patiala

1945. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of artists from different States who have been provided jobs by the North Zone Cultural Centre at Patiala;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the expenditure incurred on various programmes, an amount of over 50 lakhs still remains to be accounted for; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.